

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 December 30 2014 to 0600 December 31 2014



Australia celebrates the arrival of 2015 during the New Year's celebrations over the Sydney Opera House.

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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Mom fatally shot when 2 year old son grabs gun from her purse in Walmart

(CNN) A 29-year-old mother was fatally shot Tuesday in an Idaho Walmart when her 2-year-old son in the shopping cart grabbed a gun that was in her purse and shot her in an apparent accident, authorities said. The mother and son were shopping with other family members and the shooting appears to be an accident. According to local Sheriff's Department, the gun was legally owned by the victim.

CDC to hire lab safety chief after Ebola, Bird Flu mishaps

(Reuters) The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention plans to hire a Chief of Laboratory Safety, a new post that has taken on more urgency after a CDC scientist was possibly exposed to Ebola in a laboratory last week. Creating a new high-level safety position was a key recommendation of a months-long internal investigation into the mishandling of anthrax and bird flu in CDC labs this past summer, according to an internal CDC memo. The CDC said on Tuesday the scientist was not showing symptoms and had a "low, but not zero, risk" of contracting Ebola.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – International

Bodies recovered from AirAsia crash site

(Al Jazeera) Stormy weather had temporarily forced Indonesian search teams to suspend the recovery of the bodies of 162 people aboard the ill-fated AirAsia plane which crashed into the Java Sea. Search efforts resumed later on Wednesday evening. The bodies of two victims of the AirAsia plane crash have been returned to Indonesia's Surabaya airport. Indonesia's search-and-rescue agency obtained a sonar image it says may be the body of the missing plane at the bottom of the Java Sea.

US releases five Guantanamo prisoners, sends them to Kazakhstan

(Associated Press) Five men who were held for a dozen years without charge at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, have been sent to the Central Asian nation of Kazakhstan for resettlement. The two men from Tunisia and three from Yemen had been cleared for release from the prison by a government task force but could not be sent to their homelands. The U.S. has sent hundreds of prisoners from Guantanamo to third countries, but this is the first time Kazakhstan has accepted any for resettlement. Their release brings the prison population at Guantanamo to 127, according to a Pentagon statement.

Greece formally dissolves parliament ahead of election

(Reuters) Greece formally dissolved parliament on Wednesday ahead of a general election on Jan. 25 that has cast its international bailout into doubt and set financial markets on edge just as the euro zone grapples with renewed signs of weakness. The traditional decree calling new elections was posted on the door to parliament two days after lawmakers rejected Prime Minister Antonis Samaras' candidate for president, automatically triggering a return to the polls. The Jan. 25 vote will mark a showdown between Samaras' conservative New Democracy party, which imposed unpopular budget cuts under Greece's bailout deal, and the leftwing Syriza party of Alexis Tsipras, who wants to cancel austerity measures along with a chunk of Greek debt.



SITUATION SUMMARY

Hwy 138 Incident, San Bernardino County

San Bernardino County Fire OES has reported that approximately 79 vehicles with 136 occupants were stranded due to heavy snow and ice on Hwy 138.

- San Bernardino County EOC activated to Level 1 at 2200 hours and deactivated at 0400 hours this morning.
- San Bernardino County Fire Sno-Cats rescued stranded motorists and transported them to the Evacuation Staging Area.
- Fifty (50) stranded motorists were rescued and taken to the Crestline Baptist Church.
- A secondary rescue incident was completed in the Mt. Baldy area with forty (40) persons sheltering at the Mt. Baldy Lodge.
- County Fire crews completed rescue operations on SR 138 and continue to coordinate with CalTrans and CHP for road clearing operations.
- American Red Cross is supporting shelter operations with cots, blankets and mass care supplies at the Crestline Senior Center, San Moritz Lodge, 24640 San Moritz Dr., Crestline.
- CHP has been advised that the vehicles are being left in place for recovery after the storm ends.
- Road Closures
 - Mt. Baldy Rd remains closed.
 - CalTrans has plowed SR 138 to SR 173.
 - SR 138 EB closed at Pilot Rock.
 - SR 138 WB remains closed at Camp Seeley.

New Year's Eve, San Francisco

San Francisco DEM's EOC will be activated at Level B (partial with first responder elements) on 12/31/14, for the 2015 New Year's Eve Celebration. The EOC activation starts at 2100 hours and is estimated to conclude 01/01/15 at 0400 hours.

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

SITUATION SUMMARY

Regional Cold Weather Activities

Cal OES Inland Region

- The Cal OES Law Duty Officer confirms that there have been two deaths in Butte County as a result of the wind event. There are unconfirmed reports indicating that (1) fatality occurred in Magalia from a tree onto an outbuilding and (1) fatality occurred in Paradise due to a tree falling on a vehicle. Butte County reports that approximately 20 homes have been damaged by fallen trees. Damage assessment will begin the morning of 12/31/14.
 - OA Activations
 - Butte County: Is at Level 1 EOC activation, providing public information and if needed, evacuation center support.
 - Evacuation Centers
 - Butte County: Magalia is getting hit with high winds causing a lot of downed trees on residences and power lines. The Red Cross is coordinating an evacuation center at the Paradise Ridge Senior Center, 877 Nunnelly Rd., in the town of Paradise.
 - Evacuation Shelters
 - At 1800 hours on 12/30/14, a shelter has opened at the Paradise Alliance Church, 6491 Clark Road, Paradise, Butte County. If there are no residents by 2300 hours, they will close.
 - Warming Centers
 - Some counties are considering opening warming centers.
 - Utilities
 - Currently there approximately 5,800 residences without power in Butte County. 5,100 are in Paradise/Magalia and approximately 3,000 are anticipated to be restored by 2100 hours.
 - Road Closures
 - Several road closures have been reported due to downed trees and power lines.

Cal OES Coastal Region

- OA Activations
 - No OA EOC activations reported.
- Warming Centers
 - Contra Costa County: Trinity Center will activate an emergency response and welcome 12 men and women.
 - San Mateo County: Intends to open warming centers.
 - Santa Clara County: Through Sunday, the Boccardo Reception Center will remain open 24 hours for homeless seeking relief from the cold. Santa Clara County's largest cold weather shelter in Gilroy is also extending its hours, allowing homeless to stay from 1800 until 0800 hours.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Regional Cold Weather Activities

Cal OES Southern Region

- OA Activations
 - No OAs anticipate activating EOCs for the projected storm this week.
- Warming Centers
 - Santa Barbara County: Intends to open warming centers.

PG&E

- PG&E has activated their EOC and will remain activated overnight and through at least 12/31/14.
- As of 0647 hours on 12/31/14, approximately 19,136 power outages were reported across the state.

SMUD

- As of 1815 hours, SMUD is reporting 192 outages.

LADWP

- As of 0700 hours, LADWP is reporting 755 outages and they are under normal operations.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Weather of Concern

- Cold temperatures are expected through New Year's Day, with dangerous wind chills in the high Sierra today. Highs will remain near or below freezing through Thursday, with low temperatures mainly in the single digits to around 10 degrees in urban areas.
- Sub-freezing temperatures will be possible across portions of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties as well as the Ojai Valley tonight.
- As the atmosphere dries out and winds diminish on New Year's Eve, even colder temperatures are expected statewide.
- **Winter Storm Warning:** Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties.
- **High Wind Warning:** Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sierra, Tuolumne, Yuba, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, and Los Angeles Counties.
- **Freeze Watch:** Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tuolumne, Yolo, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Imperial, and Riverside Counties.
- **Freeze Warning:** San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties.
- **Hard Freeze Watch:** Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Tulare, Tuolumne, and San Bernardino Counties.
- **Hard Freeze Warning:** Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties.
- **Expanded real time watch and warning information, organized by county, is accessible through the below link.**
- **Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:** http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/www_bc_cal.php

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS

Eureka Weather

A cold and dry low pressure system over Northern California will shift southward as high pressure builds to the north. This pattern will result in frigid temperatures tonight with gusty winds in the higher elevations. Dry weather will continue with a gradual warming trend through early next week as high pressure shifts over the Pacific Northwest.

Medford Weather

The long wave ridge over the Eastern Pacific will drift very slowly east and strengthen through today then weaken slowly into Friday. It will strengthen again Friday through the weekend. This will support a dry pattern for the rest of this week.

Reno Weather

Gusty winds are expected this morning for rough conditions on Lake Tahoe along with dangerous wind chills, mainly at higher elevations. Winds will taper off tonight and on New Year's Day although temperatures will remain well below average. Valley inversions will strengthen with diminishing air quality going into the weekend.

San Francisco Weather

Gusty north to northeast winds will continue through mid-morning before diminishing today. The cold air mass in place and clear skies will result in the coldest temperatures of the season tonight. Temperatures gradually warm late in the week into the weekend.



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather

Windy and cold conditions will present this morning. Downed trees and power lines and blowing debris will be possible most areas through mid-day. Lighter winds with cold temperatures are expected Thursday and Friday mornings. No precipitation expected through the next seven days.

Hanford Weather

An arctic air mass will continue to settle over the Central California interior today. Brisk northeast winds can be expected over much of the higher terrain into Wednesday morning. Below freezing minimum temperatures are likely even in the lowest elevations by Wednesday night with dry and unseasonably cold weather continuing through the end of this week. Temperatures will recover to near normal this weekend as high pressure builds.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Weather

A cold low system will continue to bring scattered light rain, low elevation mountain snow, chilly temperatures and gusty northeast winds overnight. Cold temperatures and gusty winds may continue Wednesday night into Thursday morning. Daytime temperatures will return to around normal by the weekend.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties

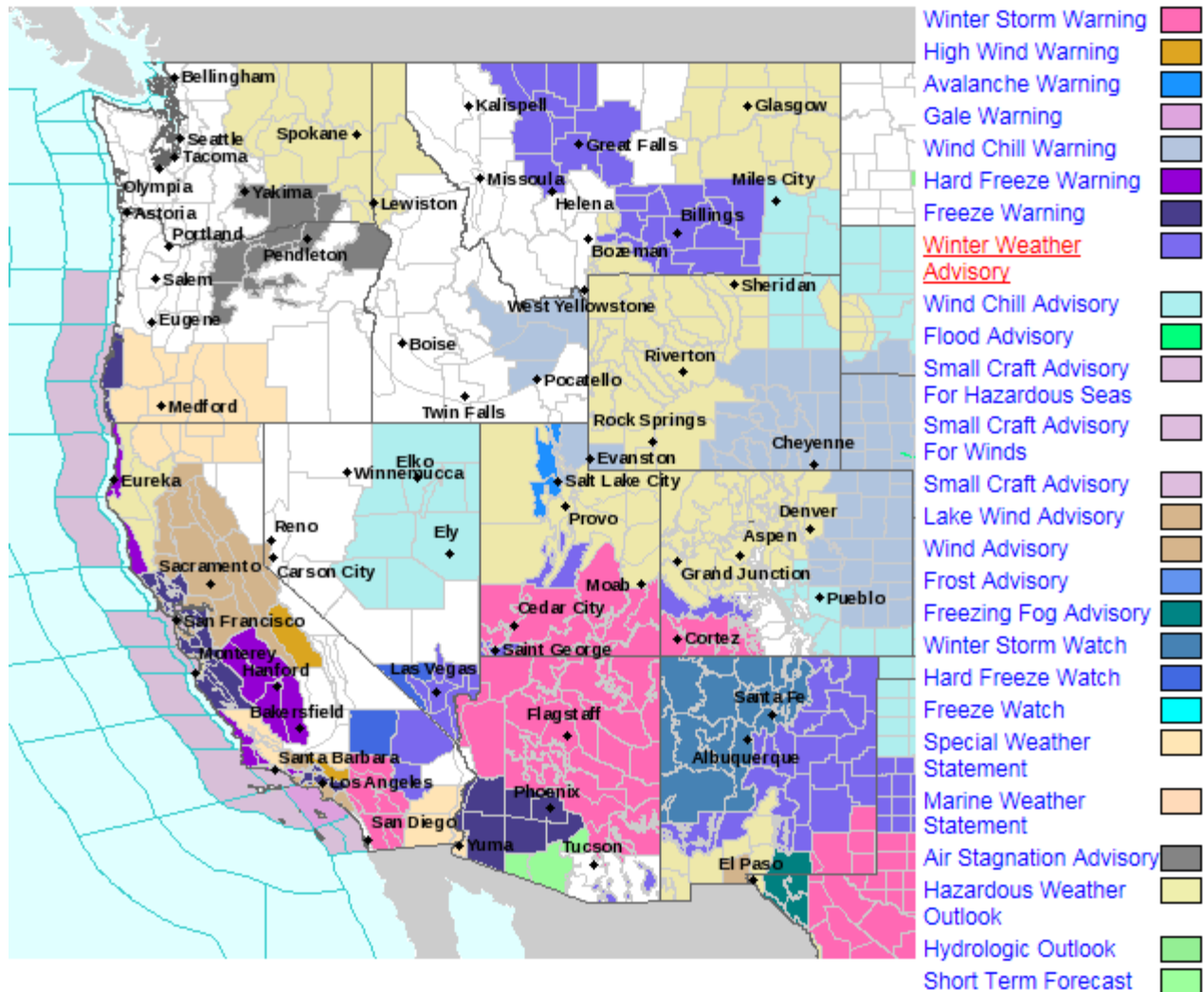
A cold winter storm system will continue to bring rain, snow, and wind through mid-morning. Northeast winds will be strongest in Orange County and the Inland Empire today with isolated gusts over 55 mph. Precipitation will end in most areas by late morning, but cold conditions will continue through Friday with frost or freezing conditions over many of the valley and desert areas Wednesday and Thursday nights. A high pressure ridge will bring much fair and warmer weather over the weekend with temperatures above normal early next week.

Southeast California Weather

A strong area of low pressure over southern California will track east today into New Year's Day. Snow level will be as low as 2000 feet. Conditions should dry out by Thursday evening; however, very cold temperatures will last into the weekend.



STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Dec, 31st 2014 at 6:25:14 am MST



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Boles Incident Vegetation Fire- City of Weed, Siskiyou County

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- On 10/06/14, the Governor issued Executive Order (EO) B-27-14, which provides CDAA, and debris removal assistance, including the suspension of rules and regulations impacting debris removal. The EO also provides the ability for nonprofit organizations to seek reimbursement for extraordinary activities through the State Private Nonprofit Organizations Assistance Program. As of 12/05/14, all debris removal operations are complete.
- On 10/28/14, the City of Weed reestablished water pressure to its downtown area; however, the water storage capacity for fire suppression is still lacking. The City expects water storage to be restored by 12/31/14, or sooner if the weather permits.

Individual Assistance

- On 10/01/14, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved a disaster declaration making SBA assistance available in the primary County of Siskiyou and the contiguous counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Modoc, Shasta, and Trinity, making low-interest federal disaster loans available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the Boles Fire. The application deadline for property damage was 12/01/14. The deadline to return economic injury applications is 07/01/15.
- The Cal OES VAL continues to coordinate and participate in Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) meetings with NGO, Faith Based, and local agencies. Shasta Community Foundation was identified as a fiscal agent for the group. Individuals needing assistance should be directed to the Family & Community Resource Center of Weed located at 260 Main Street, Weed. Funding organizations will assist with unmet needs through the case management process. The VAL continues to work with the Weed LTRG in identifying resources and gaps in services.
- The College of the Siskiyou's website contains a Fire Resource List of various local agencies offering goods and services. The document can be found at <http://www.siskiyous.edu/humanresources/documents/fireresourcelist.pdf>. Additional information on recovery efforts can be found at <https://weed.recovers.org/>.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interest physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received and 10 have withdrawn for a total of 53 RPAs submitted to FEMA.
- Kickoff Meeting: 53 Kickoff Meetings have been completed of which 3 applicants have withdrawn; one kickoff meeting is scheduled for the first week of January leaving 2 remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue. It is currently anticipated all kickoff meetings will be complete by 1/7/2015.
- PW: 215 PWs are anticipated to be written as a result of the Napa Earthquake. Currently, 75 PWs are drafted, 48 PWs have been entered into the federal database system, 45 of which have been obligated.

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa County regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The Napa Earthquake Recovery Group, aka, eNERgy will be holding a general meeting on December 18, 2014.
- Cal OES IA Voluntary Agency Liaison (VAL) continues NGO coordination in Solano County. The Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG), a long term recovery group, has formed and has established by-laws and elected an Executive Board. United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) will provide case management training to local organizations in Napa and Solano counties.
- The registration deadline for individuals and businesses to request FEMA and SBA assistance closed on Monday, 12/29/14.
- Assistance Centers – The SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) in Vallejo closed at the end of the business day on Tuesday, 12/23/14. The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff as well as reduced FEMA staffing. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed 01/01/15).

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

On 12/22/14, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. At this time, Cal OES Regions and Recovery continue to work closely with all impacted operational areas to assess the impacts, losses, and costs of the December Winter Storm.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- IDE field validations have been completed in Tehama and San Mateo Counties.
- IDE field validations are being performed in Sonoma County.
- IDE field validations are scheduled as follows:
 - Marin County 01/06/15
 - Lake County 01/06/15

Individual Assistance

- On behalf of the Governor, the Cal OES Director requested SBA to declare San Mateo County a disaster area.
- A Local Assistance Center (LAC) will be established for residents and business owners to apply for assistance at the South San Francisco Parking Structure located at 329 Miller Avenue, SSF. If SBA declares, it will operate a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) at the LAC location and will continue as needed. LAC hours of operation are Monday, 01/05/15, and Tuesday, 01/06/15, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- On 12/29/14, a joint damage assessment was conducted by SBA, Cal OES, and the County Tehama as a result of the December Winter Storms. As a result of the assessment, a letter requesting SBA to declare Tehama County a disaster area was prepared.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

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- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.